

# 8.1 Solving 1st order ODE systems

• We will need to recast systems of ODE's in terms of matrices

Ex 
$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= x_1 + 2x_2 \\ x_2' &= 3x_1 + 2x_2 \end{aligned} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• We need to be able to recast higher order ODE's in 1st order ODE systems

Ex Convert  $y^{(4)} + 3y'' - \sin(t)y' + 8y = t^2$   
with  $y(0)=1, y'(0)=2, y''(0)=3, y'''(0)=4$

(i) chart 
$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 = y \\ x_2 = y' \\ x_3 = y'' \\ x_4 = y''' \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{(ii) diff 't}} \begin{array}{l} x_1' = y' \\ x_2' = y'' \\ x_3' = y''' \\ x_4' = y^{(4)} \end{array}$$

(ii) Sub the RHS to replace y's with x's.

$$x_1' = y' = x_2$$

$$x_2' = y'' = x_3$$

$$x_3' = y''' = x_4$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_4' = y^{(4)} &= t^2 - 8y + \sin(t)y' - 3y'' \\ &= t^2 - 8x_1 + \sin(t)x_2 - 3x_3 \end{aligned}$$

use the chart

(iv) Convert to matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -8 & \sin(t) & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

I.C.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}' = A(t) \vec{x} + \vec{g}, \quad \vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0$$

# ⊗ Solving 1st order Linear Systems of ODEs (2)

First we consider an uncoupled system, i.e., the  $A$  matrix is diagonal

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= x_1 \\ x_2' &= -4x_2 \\ x_3' &= 6x_3 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \right\} \text{No cross terms!}$$

From Chpt 2 we know via separation of vars

$$x_1(t) = C e^t$$

$$x_2(t) = D e^{-4t}$$

$$x_3(t) = E e^{6t}$$

- In linear algebra there is a matrix  $P$  that is composed of eigenvectors of  $A$  such that

$$D = P^{-1} A P$$

which converts  $A$  into a diagonal matrix whose entries are the eigenvalues of  $A$

So

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \vec{n}_1 & \vec{n}_2 & \dots & \vec{n}_n \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Arrows indicate the mapping from the columns of  $P$  to the diagonal entries of  $D$ .

- When you work project 3 you will learn that 3  
 your ODEs,  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ , can be altered  
 by the u-sub  $\vec{x} = P\vec{u} \Rightarrow \vec{x}' = P\vec{u}'$

Then inserting these into  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  yields  
 $\Rightarrow P\vec{u}' = A P\vec{u}$

- Assuming  $P$  is invertible,  $P^{-1}$  exists, we  
 can multiply the eqn by  $P^{-1}$  from the  
 Left

$$P^{-1}(P\vec{u}') = P^{-1}A P\vec{u}$$

$$I \vec{u}' = P^{-1}A P\vec{u}$$

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- If we pick  $P$  to be loaded with e.vectors  
 then we know  $P^{-1}A P$  is  $D$   
 I.E.

$$\vec{u}' = D\vec{u}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{break out}} \begin{cases} \dot{u}_1 = \lambda_1 u_1 \\ \dot{u}_2 = \lambda_2 u_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{u}_n = \lambda_n u_n \end{cases}$$

- We can solve this

$$\begin{cases} u_1(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ u_2(t) = C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \\ \vdots \\ u_n(t) = C_n e^{\lambda_n t} \end{cases}$$

In matrix (vector) form we have

(4)

$$\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \\ \vdots \\ c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \end{pmatrix}$$

So

$\vec{x} = P \vec{u}$  becomes

$$\vec{x} = \left( \vec{n}_1 \mid \vec{n}_2 \mid \dots \mid \vec{n}_n \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \\ \vdots \\ c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \end{pmatrix}$$

general solution

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{n}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{n}_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \vec{n}_n$$

To solve  $\vec{x}' = A \vec{x}$  we do the following:

(i) Find the eigen values & eigenvectors of  $A$

(ii) Form the general solution:  $\vec{x} = \sum c_i e^{\lambda_i t} \vec{n}_i$

(iii) Apply the I.C.  $\vec{x}(0)$  to

determine  $c_i$ 's thus the specific solution

EX

We found that for  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

the e. values when  $\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 4$  and the corresponding e. vectors were  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Using this knowledge, solve the IVP

$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= x_1 + 2x_2 & \text{w/ } x_1(0) &= 6 \\ x_2' &= 3x_1 + 2x_2 & x_2(0) &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

(i) Matrix form  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  w/  $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) general solution  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

(iii) Apply the I.C.  
 $\vec{x}(0) = c_1 e^{-0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{4 \cdot 0} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

2x2 systems  $\begin{cases} 6 = c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot 2 \\ 7 = c_1 \cdot (-1) + c_2 \cdot 3 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$

• Lets use inverse matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{B^{-1}} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$1 \cdot 3 - (-1) \cdot (2)$   
B<sup>-1</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \cdot 6 + -2 \cdot 7 \\ 1 \cdot 6 + 1 \cdot 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4/5 \\ 13/5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$$

the specific solution is then

$$\vec{x}(t) = \frac{4}{5} e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{13}{5} e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Test this solution: insert into the system  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

$$\text{LHS: } \vec{x}'(t) = \frac{4}{5} (-1) e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{13 \cdot 4}{5} e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{104}{5} e^{4t} \\ \frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{156}{5} e^{4t} \end{pmatrix}$$

LHS of  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

$$\text{RHS: } = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{26}{5} e^{4t} \\ -\frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{39}{5} e^{4t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot \left( \frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{26}{5} e^{4t} \right) + 2 \cdot \left( -\frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{39}{5} e^{4t} \right) \\ 3 \cdot \left( \frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{26}{5} e^{4t} \right) + 2 \cdot \left( -\frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{39}{5} e^{4t} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

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Test I.C.

$$\vec{x}(0) = \frac{4}{5} e^{-0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{13}{5} e^{4 \cdot 0} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{5} + \frac{26}{5} \\ -\frac{4}{5} + \frac{39}{5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Boss Format (parametric eqn format)

Typically the boss does not appreciate vector form

So the specific solution can be broken out

$$\vec{x}(t) = \frac{4}{5} e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{13}{5} e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

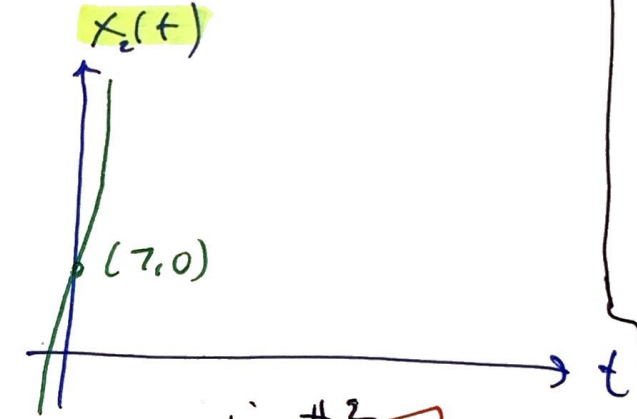
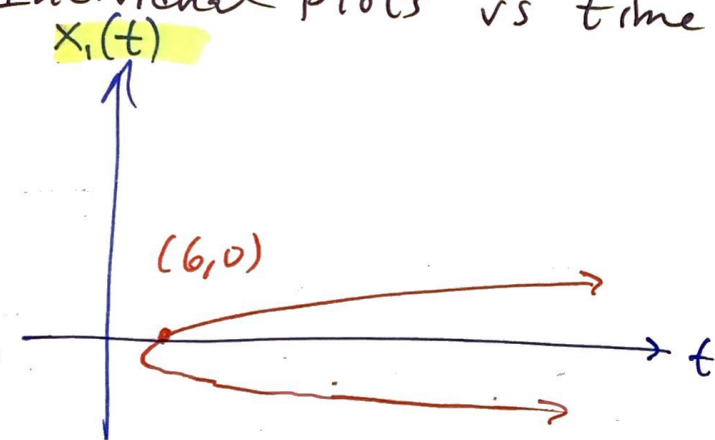
$\vec{n}_1$                        $\vec{n}_2$

becomes

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= \frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{26}{5} e^{4t} \\ x_2(t) &= -\frac{4}{5} e^{-t} + \frac{39}{5} e^{4t} \end{aligned}$$

coupled scalar equations

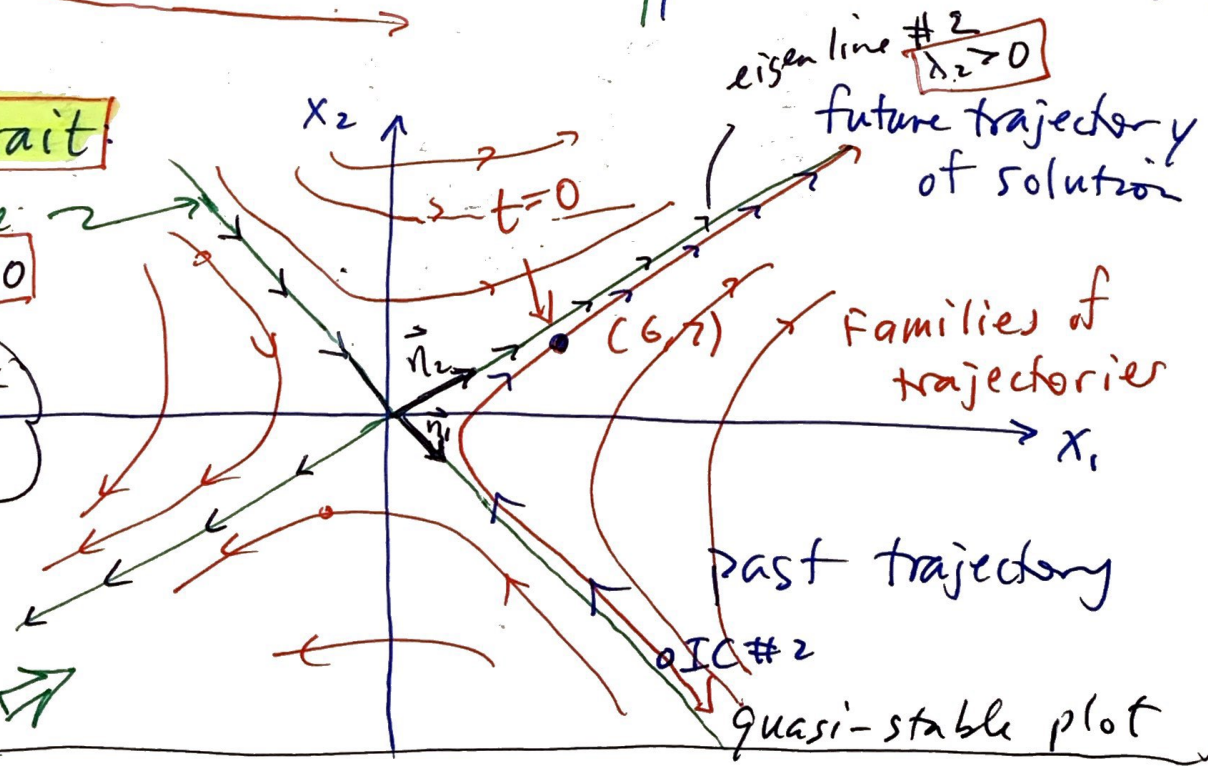
• Individual plots vs time.



Phase portrait

eigen line #1,  $x_1 < 0$

parametric eqn plot



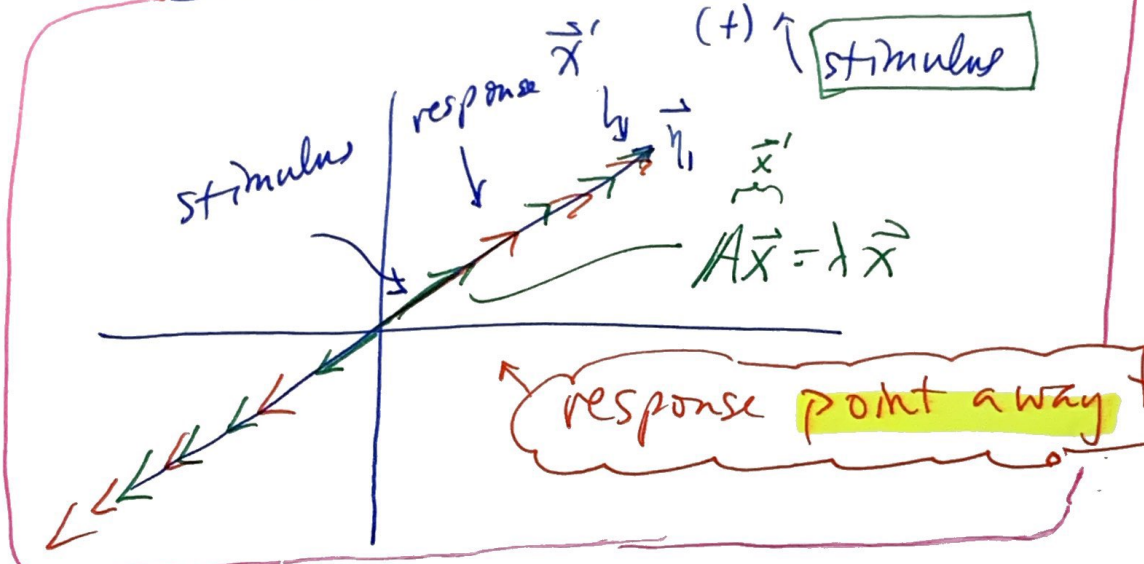
Q: How do the eigenvectors manifest themselves on the  $x_1$  vs.  $x_2$  parametric plot we just looked at on Desmos? 4

• First some Observations {a pause}

Recall  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$  but  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  so  $\vec{x}' = \lambda\vec{x}$

↑ input
↓ output
response (slope)

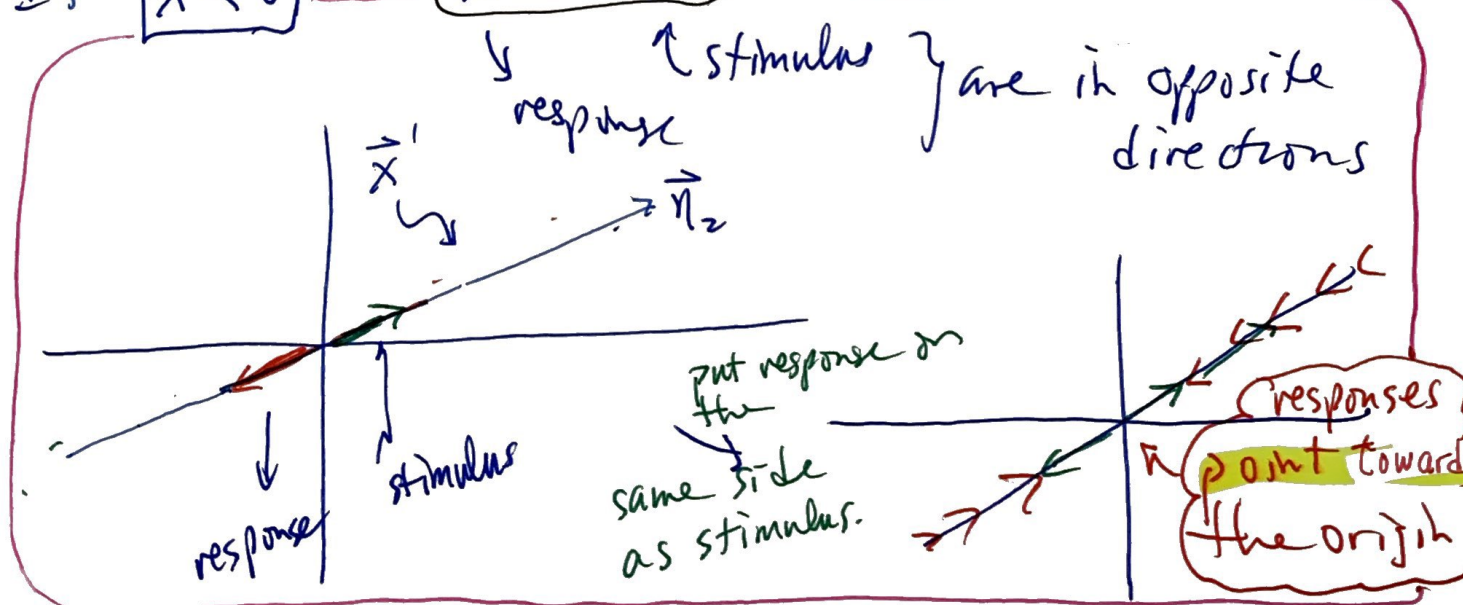
• If  $\lambda > 0$  then  $\lambda\vec{x} = \vec{x}'$



↑ slopes of the e. vect. is  $\parallel$  to the eigenvector - SO - trajectories on the e. vector stay on the eigen

response point away from the origin

• If  $\lambda < 0$   $\vec{x}' = \lambda\vec{x}$





## Comments:

1. If  $\vec{x}_1(t)$  &  $\vec{x}_2(t)$  are solutions to  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  then so is their **linear combination**

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2$$

2. Define  $\mathbb{X} \equiv (\vec{x}_1 | \vec{x}_2 | \dots | \vec{x}_n)$  where  $\vec{x}_i' = A\vec{x}_i$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{X}$  is columns of solutions.

3. If  $W \equiv \det(\mathbb{X})$  {wronskian} is non-zero then  $\{\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n\}$  are linearly independent solution vectors and we call the set **The Fundamental Solutions** of the syst.  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

4. If  $W = 0$  we can try to eliminate some solution vectors and seek further solutions

{ If we fail to achieve  $n$ -solutions }  
{ then seek more Lin. Indep. solutions }

Summary: Thm

$\vec{x}_i$  are Lin. Independent iff  $\{\vec{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is Fundamental iff  $W \neq 0$